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UNCLE SAM—"I can see no good reason why this mule should be allowed to live."

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WHEN "IN HIS STEPS" is dramatized the playwrights ought to direct their attention to the ten commandments.

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IF CHAIRMAN JONES is dropped by the Democratic national committee he will feel as if prosperity had been abolished for the entire century.

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MR. BALFOUR of the British cabinet says there is an "if" in the Boer question. The situation confirms his opinion, and it seems to be loaded, too.

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BOTH ELIHU ROOT and Senator Beveridge say they do not want the nomination for vice-president. Now must this state lose the honorable Timothy Woodruff?

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LET THE BRITISH GENERALS consult Richard Harding Davis, who has gone to South Africa, and they will find that the period of their defeats has gone by.

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THE BEARD, according to a scientist, is a refuge for microbes. In Kansas the little things do not confine themselves to the beard. The dome of thought is their chosen refuge.

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SENATOR ALLEN of Nebraska says he would not accept a nomination for president if it were offered him unanimously. Now perhaps that removes another great public danger.

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SOMEBODY blames Hanna for the result in Nebraska; but perhaps that matter can be laid over until it is judicially decided whether he persuaded or permitted Eve to eat that apple.

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THEY HAVE discovered out west that a combination of sausage and buttermilk results in a sickness not unlike hydrophobia. Unhappily, however, the sufferer can't lay his affliction to the dog.

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THE SENSITIVENESS of a young man in Pittsburg has driven him to suicide to escape arrest for horse-stealing. Apparently he became sensitive after the stealing. Annoyances of that kind really ought to begin before the loss or the recovery of self-respect.

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A SECRET SOCIETY of girls in Columbus, Ohio, punished tattling by spanking. A member tattled and was thus punished; and in consequence the spankers passed a day in prison. Perhaps it will be safer for these societies to visit their different kinds of penalty solely on the other sex.

HOW IT HAPPENED.

FRAYED FEETER—"Bill says he kin remember de time dat he swam in luxury."
TORNE TATTERZ—"Yes; he fell inter a beer-vat once while applyin' fer a job in a brewery."

A WICKED BOYCOTT.

VINELAND, NEW JERSEY, has a club of bachelor girls, and it boycotts young men who chew tobacco, or drink, or swear, or who "think and talk about themselves all the time." But no young men are guilty of the latter. Sometimes they sleep.

THE DAKOTA GUSHER.

IF WE MUST rule in the Philippines Pettigrew insists that we shall give the right of suffrage to the women there. Perhaps something is due the women of America; but, while the sympathy of the senator never goes out without gushing, it gushes in only one direction at a time.

WILL THE RIGHT SURVIVE?

THE QUESTION largely attending the Boer-British war, according to the New York *Press*, is the old one as to the survival of the fittest. That is so; but unfortunately the question of superiority rests largely with the nearest battalions. Whether superior numbers and strategy constitute fitness is an open question, but heaven is apt to be on their side.

WHO?

SOMEBODY spent four thousand dollars to cable the Filipinos Senator Hoar's speech of sympathy. The sympathy expressed is calculated to prolong the war and incidentally kill more American soldiers. Mr. Carnegie was charged with the treason, but he denies it, though he intimates that it was money spent in a good cause. Who was the man? We know of several who certainly had the disposition, but they are unavoidably acquitted because they hadn't the necessary funds.

LYNCHINGS.

STATISTICS OF CRIME show a smaller number of lynchings last year than for a considerable number of years. They show also that two Texas lynchers are serving a life-sentence in prison. Not a lyncher in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, and Pennsylvania has been prosecuted; and in Ohio state authorities prosecuted the guardsmen who shot down members of a mob assaulting a jail. There is little to be thankful for in any of these facts, but the south at least shows an effort at improvement.

CUBS.

MR. PETTIGREW of South Dakota arises frequently in the senate to pass judgment upon the president; and when he tires of it Mr. Sulzer of New York does the same thing in the house. Neither gentleman says anything worth listening to, but little care they for that. Their sole purpose is to be noticed, and they think they can best do it by growling. To be sure the growling is ridiculous and harmless; but it serves to advertise the fact that the Democratic party has come to be a very ridiculous and contemptible party.

A PRETTY WOMAN AND THE LAW.

LAURA MORRISON, an actress, shot her leading man dead a few weeks ago because, as she said, he had insulted and annoyed her. There was nothing in the evidence on the trial to show that he had annoyed her seriously; but the jury in the case acquitted her in less than two minutes after retiring, and she afterward held a reception in the courtroom. Since then she has lectured, with the stage as her subject, and has doubtless found the killing of the man a very profitable bit of advertising. She should not be advised to repeat the experiment, however, because she might find herself presently in the hands of people who have some respect for law, life and decency.

PENRHYN STANLAWS.

NOTHING IN IT.

FERDY—" Her name, Chauncey, is Marigold."
CHAUNCEY—" But, deah boy, you cawn't live on her name, ye know."

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JUDGE'S FAVORITES.

EDNA WALLACE HOPPER.

Edna, although petite, you're grand,
And qualified, as Chris, to stand
Away up in the line.
Be sure you keep that lamp in trim —
A constant, brilliant-burning glim,
And let your light so shine.

HIS PHILOSOPHY.

"I DON'T mind in the least," said the sage of Kohack, "havin' a sharper mistake me for a greenhorn and a good thing. I always enjoy settin' back and carmly watchin' him bait his hook and cautiously attempt to pull me in. If the game he is workin' is an old one I already know it — havin', I presume, had the pleasure of bein' skinned, one time and another, by about every swindle that was ever invented—and am therefore in no danger of havin' my financial pelt jerked off over my head. And if the game is a new one I am always willin' to take the risk for the sake of addin' to my already large and well-selected stock of information. Either way, I enjoy it, and as the swindler has all the pleasure of his anticipated victory—anticipation is really more enjoyable than realization, anyhow — and I know when to let go, both of us manage to squeeze a good deal of quiet glee out of the operation, and no harm is done to either of us."

MISS OLD GIRL.

IF WE judge you by rules economic,
Philosophic or e'en anatomic,
The result is the same,
You are out of the game,
And your valentine must be a comic.

NO COMMUNISM FOR HIM.

Abner — "I heard down ter the store the other night that Silas has gone back on his doctrine of socialism."

Hiram — "Don't doubt it. His old hound 's got three pups, and he claims they're wuth five dollars apiece."

ABOVE DANGER.

JOHNNIE—"Oh, this spot isn't so dangerous, after all."

THE POPULAR PREACHER.

"WHAT are the reverend Worldliman's opinions on the future state?"
"He has none; he simply reflects the views of his congregation."

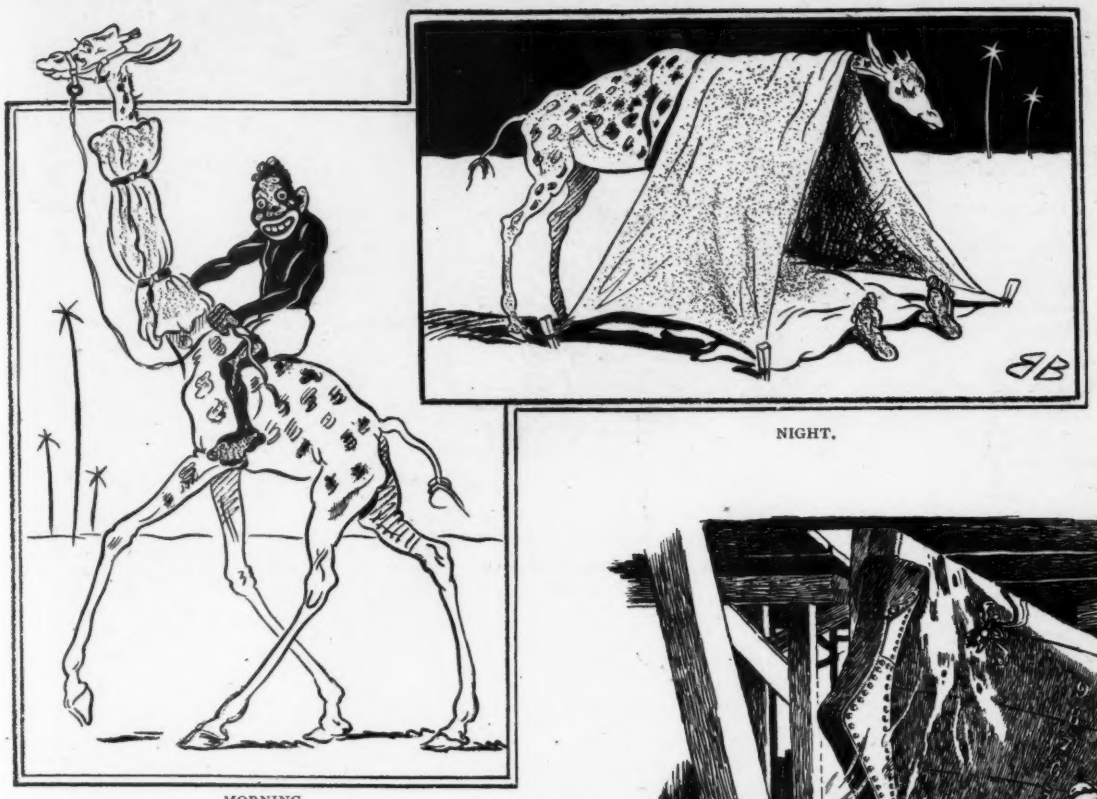
A LIMITATION.

CHOLLY—"We wish to be made man and wife."
JUSTICE—"The best I could do for you would be to make you husband and wife."

"How could I be more happy?"

"Ach, mine goodness! Make loose from around mine neck."

"I didn't know mine pipe vas so strong as to make rings like iron already."



NIGHT.

MORNING.

OH, THE USEFUL GIRAFFE!

UNINVITING DESCRIPTION.

"YOU know Tenspot, don't you, Spykes?"

"Yes, I know him."

"What sort of a man is he?"

"He is the sort of man that sits cross-legged at dinner."

OF TWO EVILS.

First guest—"Won't you join me in requesting Miss Squaller to recite?"

Second guest—"But I don't like recitations."

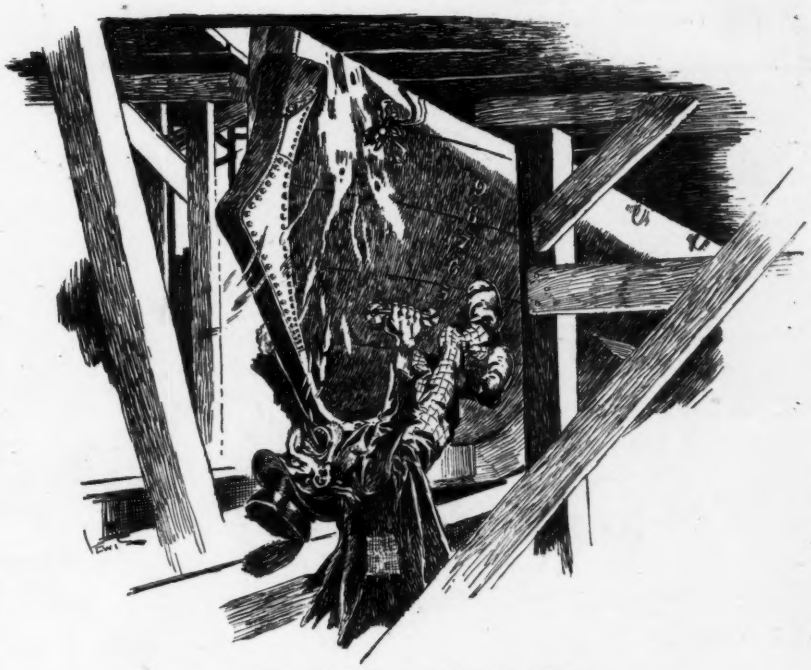
First guest—"Neither do I. But if she doesn't recite she'll sing."

TWO VOWS.

I'VE made but two great vows in all my life:
First, at the altar, when I took a wife;
The second, when death eased our mutual pain,
That I would never do the like again.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

MARCUS and Valorious Hobbs were two old Connecticut farmers. All my life I had been accustomed to hearing them called by these names, or the more familiar ones of Marc and Val. It was not until the other day that, happening to act as a witness to their signatures to some legal document, I discovered their true appellations to be Marquis Lafayette Hobbs and Valorous George Washington Hobbs.



JUST AS THE BOTTLE BROKE.

THIRSTY THROCKMORTON—"When me old pals hear dat I wuz one uv de guys w'ot drinked shampagny at de launchin' uv dis battle-ship dey'll be green wid envy."

GETTING FRIENDLY.

NEW NEIGHBOR—"Could I borrow your child for a moment?"
OLD SETTLER—"What do you want of him?"
NEW NEIGHBOR—"I want to send him over to the Jones's to borrow a cupful of sugar."

THY TEMPLE.

IF IN the glory of the sunbeams' light
I catch the lustre of thy tresses bright,
Where is the wonder? Light was never shed
More golden bright than gleams round thy fair head.

If in the stars I see thy radiant eyes
Glance down and greet me from the evening skies,
What is the marvel? For thine eyes are stars
Whose happy light nor cloud nor darkness mars.

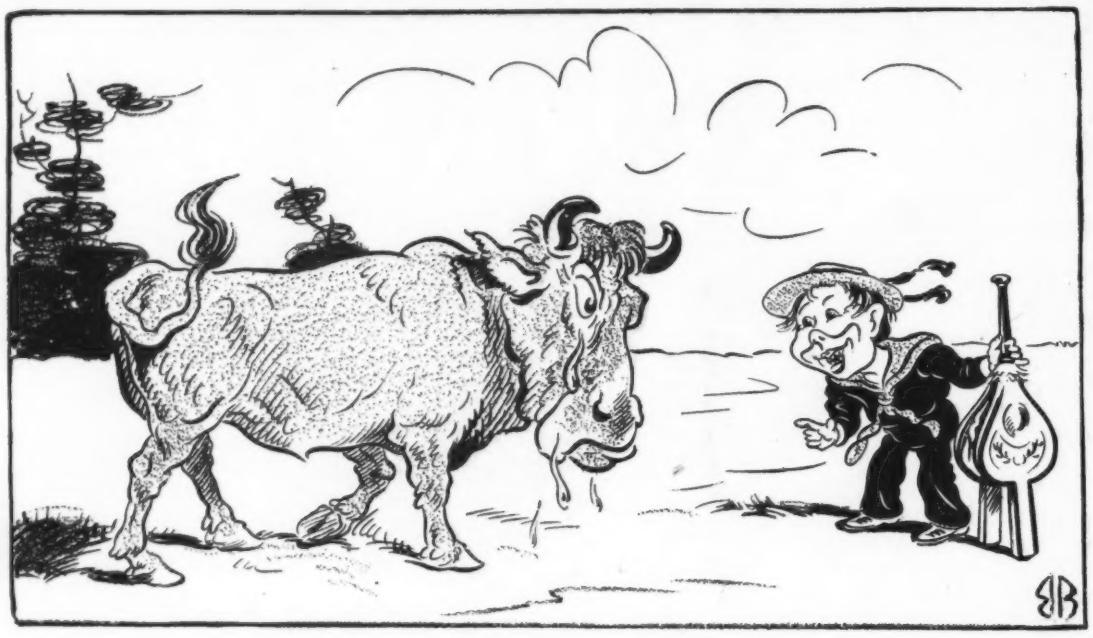
I hear the murmur of the far-off sea
On tranquil days, and straightway comes to me
Thy low-toned, gentle voice repeating o'er
Some tender vow I've prayed for yet once more.

Dear love, some attribute of thine I find
In all that's gracious, innocent and kind;
But for thy perfect image, wrought with love's own art,
I look within thy temple—my heart's heart!

FRANCES A. SCHNEIDER.

HARD ON GEORGE.

WEARY—"W'y ain't youse got no use fer Washington?"
LEARY—"I don't like de front part uv his name; an', anyway, anybody w'ot displayed a fondness fer choppin' wood at sich an early age hez my profound contempt."



FOUND HIS WIND.

"I've lost my voice," the bull remarked,
"In calling to my fellows."

"Don't worry, sir," replied the boy;
"I think I've found your bellows."

HIS ADMISSION.

"THERE is considerable doubt in my mind as to what has just happened to me," said the philosophical person, who had been struck in the small of the back and knocked into the middle of the subsequent week and almost into kingdom come by a recklessly-managed automobile, which had run over his prostrate form in, seemingly, seventeen different directions and then disappeared around the corner before he could scramble to his feet and take note of its identity; "but, whatever it was, I am disposed to admit that it happened."

IN DAKOTA.

Mrs. Jones—"What are you eating, Mary?"

Mary—"A piece of Nelly Black's divorce-cake."

AT BACHELOR'S HALL.

NIGHT comes, a wak'ning from the dreams called day,
And like the memory,
That haunts the waking, of some dream's brief stay,
A fancy stirs in me.

No passage from the tragedy of mirth,
No joy with sorrow's sign;
But lo, there in the nimbus of my hearth,
My heart's sole valentine!

Forgot the light that lit my lady's eyes;
And was she short or tall?
Was brown or gold the hue of this I prize?
I cannot now recall.

I only know — Hark! from the dusk is blown
A call that will not wait;
And in the dark'ning room I sit alone,
A thankful celibate.

Yet, oh, my heart, my heart, poor, fain dream-host,
Why came such joy to thee,
When silence granted thee a while that ghost
Of what can never be?

JOHN DAHL WHITE.

NO MAD MARRIAGE, CONSIDERING.

PARENT (*screaming*)—"Vat! der daughter ohf Isidore Rosenheim, der wholesale clothier, marry a gentile?"
DAUGHTER—"But consider, papa. He is der loss-adjuster ohf der fire-insurance gompany vat has your clothing-stock risk on deir books."
PARENT (*benignantly*)—"Take him, mein sagacious leedle daughter! I can refuse you noddings."

AT A DINNER-PARTY.

FIRST YOUNG MAN (*as he tastes a deviled egg the first time*)—"My! but these eggs taste funny."

SECOND YOUNG MAN—"Is that so? The old hen must have been a comedienne."

MISS BROOKLYN.

THOUGH your beauty no one can disparage,
You are doomed to a dull, prosy marriage.
Your valentines all
Show a man in a shawl,
Who is wheeling a big baby-carriage.

A SINCERE OPINION.

"WRIGHT sent me a cheque this morning."

"Well, what of it?"

"I consider it the best thing he ever wrote."

NOT THAT HIGH.

"YOU ought to buy this house," said the agent to Cumso. "At ten thousand dollars it is going for a mere song."

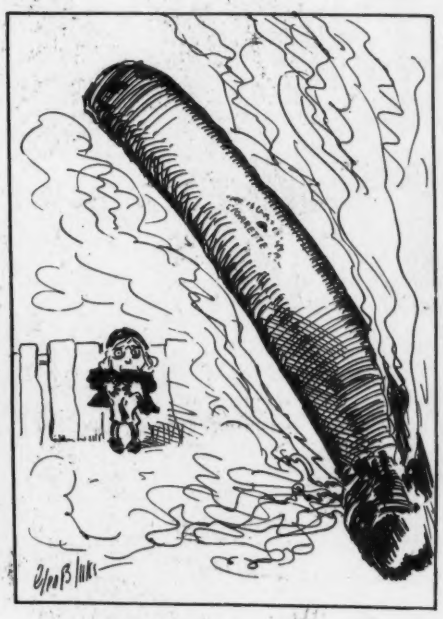
"It may be a mere song," said Cumso, "but it goes to high c, and I can't reach it."

A LAST RESORT.

Client—"According to your showing, both the law and the facts are clearly against us?"

Attorney—"Yes; I shall be obliged to weep copiously before the jury."

THE HEDGEHOG—"Say, froggie, why won't you play leap-frog with us any more?"



The comparative size of little Willie's first cigarette, and——

——as it appeared to him after a few puffs.

EXPLANATORY.

LADY—"I gave you money yesterday because you said you wanted to buy some bread; then you turned right straight around and walked into a saloon with it."

BEGGAR—"True, lady; sad, but true! I am one uv dem absent-minded beggars w'ot Ruddy Kipling sobs about."

VALENTINE.

FOR some a pot of yellow gold
Is hiding 'neath a rainbow hope;
For others honors manifold
Are waiting on art's shining slope.

Forgotten is my roseate dream,
And very vague my fair ideal;
But, fortune, fickle though you seem,
If you will make one vision real

I'll read anew the story old
In eyes where prisoned sunbeams shine,
And cry, "Away with fame and gold,
For love shall be my valentine!"

ERNEST NEAL LYON.

IN KANSAS.

Native—"I'm a strict prohibitionist, stranger."

Tourist—"But prohibition, I understand, does not prohibit here."

Native—"She doesn't, stranger. Them's my reasons fer belongin' to the party."

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A LIVELY DAY

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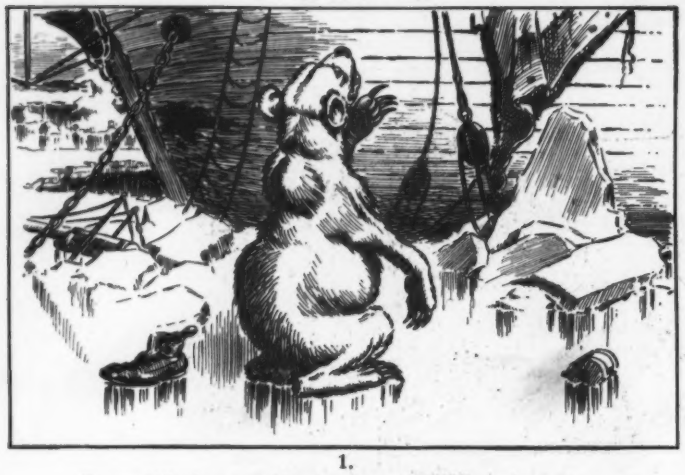
DAY CHICKENTOWN.

GETTING EVEN.

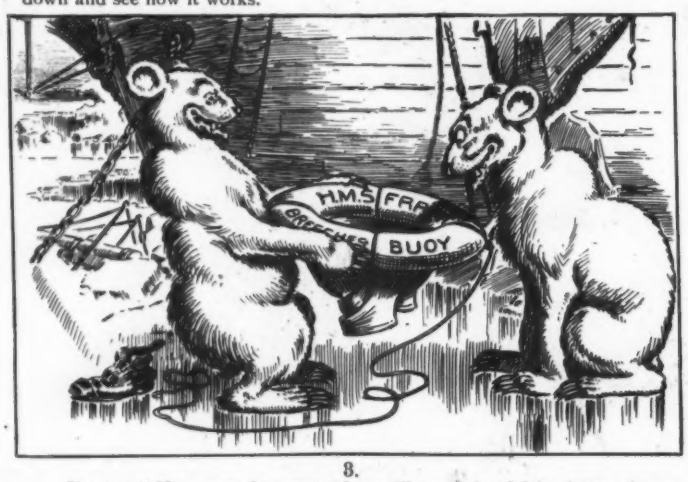


1.

PETE—" Is there anything up there, Bill?"
BILL (*up above*)—" No; nothing but that. Is it any good?"

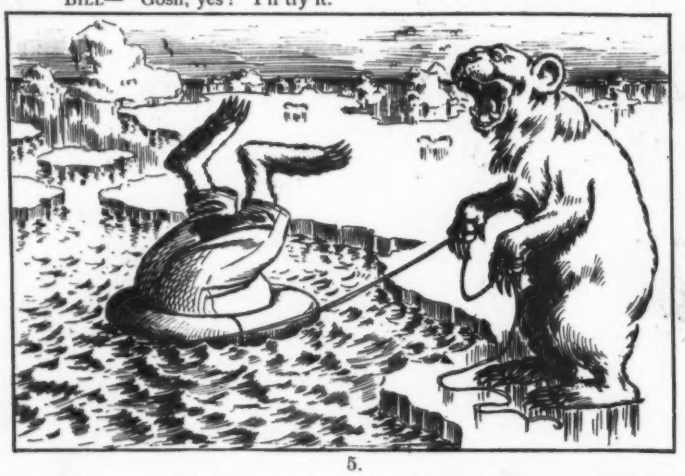
2.

PETE (*aside*)—" I'll get even with him for that trick.—Yes; come on down and see how it works."



3.

PETE—" Now, you just put this on like a pair of breeches and you can float around all day in it. See?"
BILL—" Gosh, yes! I'll try it."



5.

PETE—" It works like a charm—haw! haw! haw! haw! Guess I'd better pull him out now."

HUMANITY.

HUMANITY 's a curious combination
Of love and hate, laughter and lamentation;
Tempestuous nights and glorious June weather,
With snow and lightning, tangled all together.

EMMA C. DOWD.

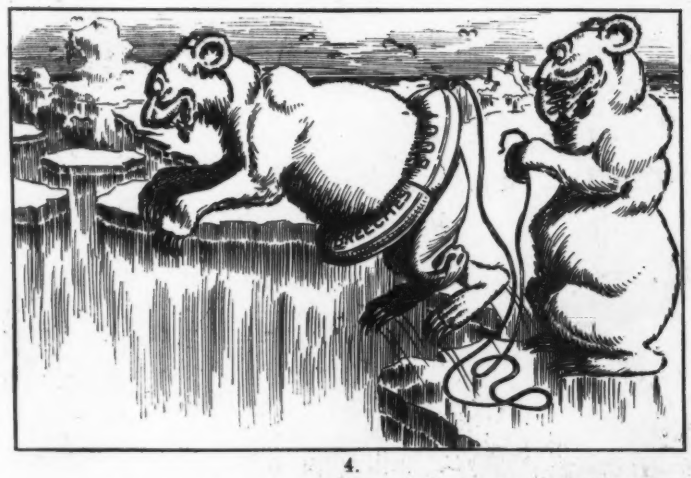
UNNECESSARY CANDOR.

"MY NAME," began the stranger, as he settled down in the chair, "is Hezekiah Cumso. I agree with you that it's a freak of a name, but neither of us was particeps criminis. I have no conscientious scruples against capital punishment; would convict on reasonable evidence; am a native or naturalized citizen, and have not voted previously at this election; in politics I agree with you, or if I don't I ought to; religion ditto; have taken three degrees in the blue lodge, but have not yet decided whether I shall go higher; I agree with you that we need rain, and I don't know any more about the Dreyfus case than you do. I come from a section of country where they kill barbers for asking fool questions, but if there is anything else you want to know, fire away."

"He's deef an' dum', mister," remarked the boss barber as Mr. Cumso paused for a reply.

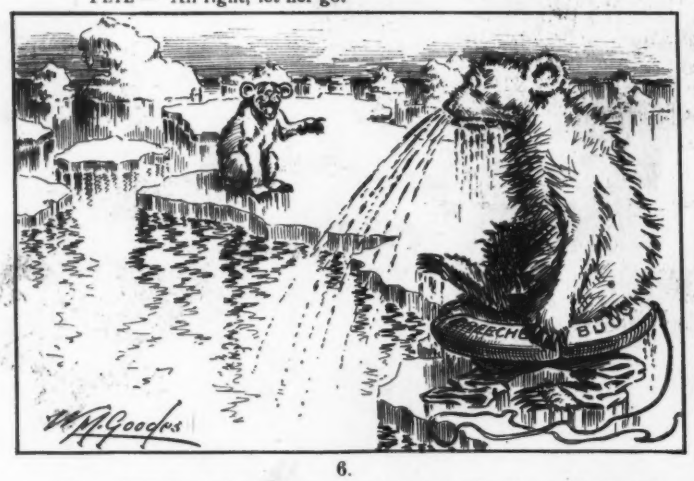
KEPT MOVING.

YOUNG MAN (*entering dry-goods store, to floor-walker*)—" Do you keep stationary?"
FLOOR-WALKER—" No, sir! If I did I would lose my job."



4.

BILL—" Well, here she goes, Pete; hold fast to the rope."
PETE—"All right, let her go."



6.

BILL—" Well, that's carrying a joke too far. The blamed fool might have drowned me."

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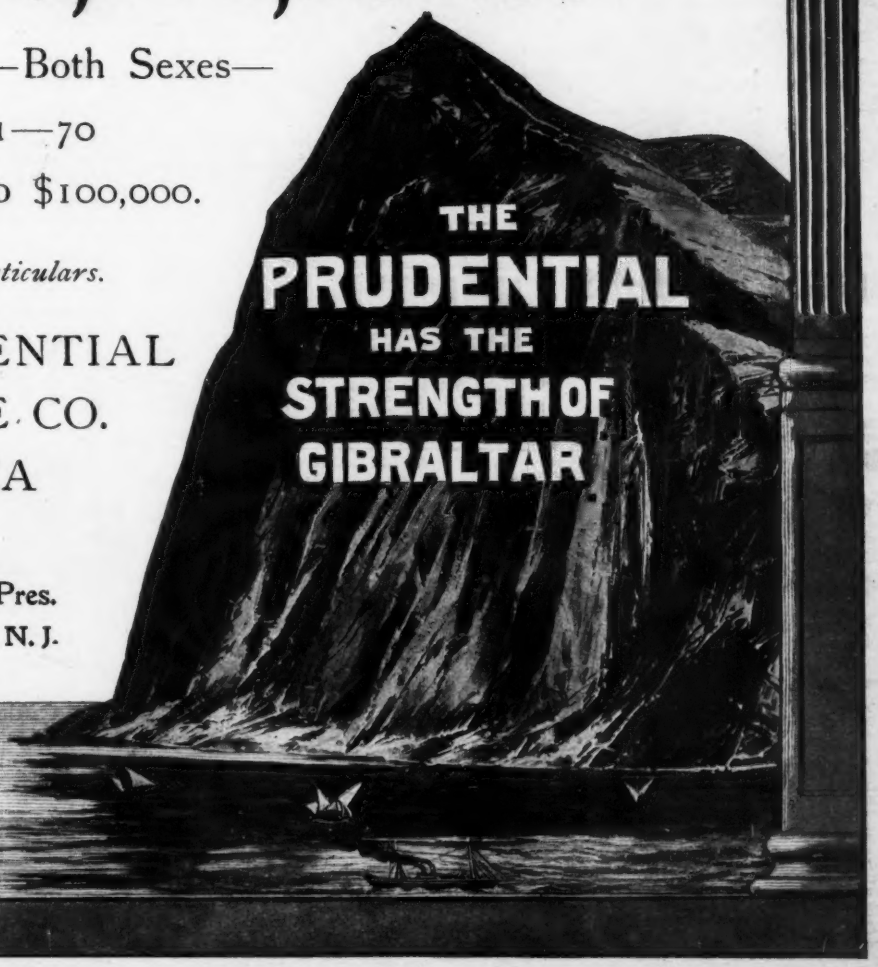

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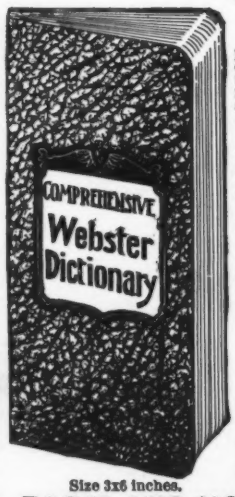

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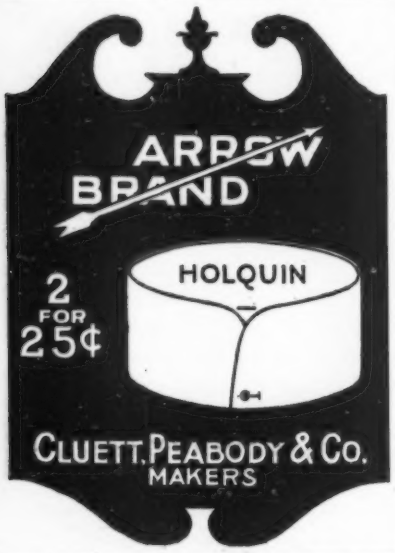

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